

# **APPELLEES'** **APPENDIX**

## **TAB E**

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re

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ENRON CORP., et al,

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Case No.

01-16034

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10:01 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

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Debtors' objection to certain proofs of claim  
filed in connection with the Brazos Financing  
Structure.

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10:10 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

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Motion by Debtors Portland General Holdings,  
Inc. and Portland Transition Company, Inc.  
exhibit chapter 11 cases.

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10:20 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

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Debtors' sixth omnibus motion to deem  
schedules amended to modify certain scheduled  
claims.

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B E F O R E:

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THE HONORABLE ARTHUR J. GONZALEZ  
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2 Calendar: (continued)

3 10:25 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

4 Scheduling conference re Objection to Notice  
5 of Presentment of Order Approving Amended  
Schedule S to Plan Supplement.

6 Objections filed.

7 11:50 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

8 Motions filed by the Debtors for approval of  
9 Settlement Agreements between Enron Energy  
Services, Inc., Enron North America Corp.,  
and Clinton Energy Management Services with  
the following counterparties:

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11 USL Parallel Products of California;  
12 Developers Funding Company; Royster Clark,  
Inc.; 1260 BB Property LLC; Eldona Corp.,  
13 W.W. Henry Company; Grand Mandarin; King  
Manor Care Center; Campus Manor Apartments;  
14 Madera Cleaners & Laundry, Inc.; Coin Op.  
Laundry Milpitas; Renewal Housing Corp. and  
SCA Packaging North America, Inc.

15 11:55 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

16 Motion by Debtors for approval of settlement  
17 agreement by and among the Enron Parties, the  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office  
of Market Oversight and Investigations, The  
California Parties, and the additional  
18 claimants.

19 11:25 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

20 (03-93172) Enron Corp. v. Granite  
Construction Co.:

21 Hearing re request for stay of discovery.

22 11:45 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL

23 Debtors' objection to proof of claim number  
25267 filed by Exodus Communications  
Australia PTY Limited.

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2 Calendar: (continued)

3 12:10 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL  
4 Third omnibus motion filed by the Debtors for  
5 an order estimating certain contingent or  
6 unliquidated claims for purposes of  
7 establishing reserves.

8 12:20 01-16034 ENRON CORP., ET AL  
9 Debtors' Ninety-Second Omnibus Objection to  
10 proofs of claim with respect to claim no.  
11 25077 filed by Fireman's Fund Insurance  
12 Company.

13 Response filed.

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2 form of Order.

3 JUDGE GONZALEZ: Does anyone else  
4 wish to be heard?

5 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

6 JUDGE GONZALEZ: No further comment  
7 being heard, based upon the pleadings as  
8 filed and the representations made on the  
9 record, I will grant the relief requested.  
10 You may hand up the Order.

11 MS. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 JUDGE GONZALEZ: The next matter we  
13 have listed is a scheduling conference re  
14 Objection to Notice of Presentment of Order  
15 Approving Amended Schedule S to Plan  
16 Supplement.

17 MS. MAYER: Yes, Your Honor.  
18 Sylvia Mayer, again, on behalf of the  
19 Reorganized Debtors.

20 Your Honor, the Reorganized Debtors  
21 filed an amended version of Schedule S under  
22 Notice of Presentment, and an Objection was  
23 filed by Baupost/Abrams.

24 Under the confirmed Plan, subject  
25 to the ultimate allowance of the claims,

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2   certain claims are entitled to the benefit of  
3   contractual subordination provisions in four  
4   pre-petition indentures. Exhibit L to the  
5   Plan identified the four pre-petition  
6   indentures and set forth the relevant  
7   provisions in each of the indentures that  
8   define the Senior Indebtedness for purposes  
9   of benefiting from the contractual  
10   subordination provisions.

11               The four indentures are the 1987  
12   Indenture, the TOPRS Indentures, and two  
13   indentures referred to as the "MIPS,"  
14   M-I-P-S. Schedule S to the Plan Supplement  
15   set forth generally the types of claims  
16   benefiting from contractual subordination and  
17   contained a reservation by the Debtors for  
18   the right to amend or modify the schedule.

19               On July 29th, the Reorganized  
20   Debtors filed their Amended Schedule S,  
21   setting forth in greater detail the claims  
22   benefiting from contractual subordination, as  
23   well as adding and removing certain claims  
24   from the list.

25               One Objection was filed to the

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2 Amended Schedule S by Baupost/Abrams. They  
3 filed the sole Objection.

4 In summary, their Objection seeks  
5 to remove from Schedule S with respect to the  
6 1987 Indenture Letter of Credit Claims and  
7 certain claims that they refer to as  
8 "Intercompany Claims," with respect to the  
9 TOPRS Indentures, Letter of Credit Claims and  
10 certain claims that they deem to be  
11 Intercompany Claims, and with respect to the  
12 two MIPS Indentures, there are certain claims  
13 that Baupost/Abrams deems to be Intercompany  
14 Claims.

15 Several Creditors with interest in  
16 the letter of credit or Intercompany Claims  
17 have responded to Baupost's Objection and  
18 assert positions contrary to Baupost's  
19 interpretation of these provisions.

20 From the Reorganized Debtors'  
21 perspective, this is really an intercreditor  
22 dispute. The same amount of money will go  
23 out of the estate. It doesn't impact on the  
24 funds that are available for distribution.  
25 It simply impacts on whom we make the

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2 distributions to with respect to the  
3 contractual subordination provisions.

4 Depending on the outcome of the  
5 issues, some of the issues that are raised by  
6 Baupost may affect claims that were not  
7 identified by Baupost in their Objection. So  
8 the Reorganized Debtors have reserved their  
9 rights to further modify Schedule S,  
10 depending upon the Court's ruling, but  
11 otherwise the Reorganized Debtors are  
12 effectively neutral as to these issues that  
13 are essentially an intercreditor dispute.

14 JUDGE GONZALEZ: All right. Thank  
15 you.

16 I assume I will then hear first  
17 from Baupost?

18 MR. WINSTON: Good morning, Your  
19 Honor. Eric Winston of Stutman Treister &  
20 Glatt on behalf of the Baupost Group and  
21 Abrams Capital, holders of a substantial  
22 number of Enron unsecured claims.

23 As Ms. Mayer pointed out, we were  
24 the only Objectors to Schedule S. Our  
25 objection focused on --

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2 JUDGE GONZALEZ: Would you speak  
3 louder to make sure the phone is picking up  
4 what you are saying.

5 MR. WINSTON: Sure, Your Honor.  
6 Our Objection focused on two types of claims.  
7 The first type of claim was a claim that in  
8 Baupost/Abrams' view was a claim of an  
9 affiliate of Enron against Enron. The second  
10 type of claim was a claim arising from an  
11 obligation of Enron to reimburse issuers of  
12 letters of credit.

13 There are some of the claims that  
14 we have identified, as not belonging on  
15 Schedule S, for whom no responses have been  
16 received. Baupost/Abrams submits that, at  
17 least with respect to those claimants, they  
18 have not carried their burden of proving that  
19 they are entitled to benefit from the  
20 contractual subordination provisions of the  
21 three types of indenture that Debtors'  
22 counsel pointed out.

23 With respect to the category of  
24 Intercompany Claims, the only claimant that  
25 did not respond were the holders of the

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2 Yosemite Claims. Your Honor, notwithstanding  
3 the fact that they did not respond, on Monday  
4 we served a notice of withdrawal of our  
5 Objections to the Yosemite Claims with  
6 respect to the 1987 Indenture and with  
7 respect to the two MIPS Loan Agreements.  
8 Because of the problems with ECF on Monday  
9 and Tuesday, I am not sure if it ever got  
10 filed, but we do know a courtesy copy went to  
11 the Court. So, hopefully, Your Honor has  
12 received it and we wanted to make the record  
13 clear. Our Objection, however, still stands  
14 against the Yosemite Claims with respect to  
15 the TOPRS Indentures.

16 With respect to the Letter of  
17 Credit Claims, the following entities did not  
18 respond: Toronto Dominion, Australian and  
19 New Zealand Banking, Banco Nazionale Intessa  
20 BCI, Banco DeRoma and Unicredito. American  
21 Express did file a response that was late,  
22 but for purposes of this argument, we are  
23 going to treat them as if they have responded  
24 on time.

25 I have just one other point to

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2 make, before going into the merits of the  
3 arguments. I don't think it is disputed that  
4 this dispute is going to turn on the  
5 interpretation of contractual law under  
6 applicable state laws, and there are only two  
7 principles of law that I think need to be  
8 highlighted.

9 The first one is assuming that the  
10 Court determines that the provisions are  
11 ambiguous, the Court has to apply it by  
12 meaning. If the Court determines that any  
13 provisions are ambiguous, the parties will be  
14 entitled to submit parol evidence to support  
15 their conflicting interpretations. But the  
16 second principle is that no matter what  
17 happens, all of the claimants that are  
18 seeking to benefit from contractual  
19 subordinations carry a heavy burden of  
20 proving it. So at the end of the day, it is  
21 going to be their burden to show that they  
22 are entitled to it.

23 I am not going to repeat all of the  
24 arguments raised in the papers, but I thought  
25 it would be helpful to break it down as

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2   follows. I am going to start with the  
3   Intercompany Claims with the 1987 Indenture,  
4   and then I am going to go to the two MIPS  
5   Loan Agreements, and then follow up with the  
6   TOPRS Indentures, and then I would turn to  
7   the arguments with respect to the Letter of  
8   Credit Claims.

9                   With respect to the 1987 Indenture,  
10   the entire dispute turns on whether or not  
11   the claim is held by a "Subsidiary," as that  
12   term is defined in the 1987 Indenture. In  
13   summary, in order to be a Subsidiary under  
14   that indenture, Enron must either directly or  
15   indirectly own all of the voting stock of  
16   that particular entity, and then the only  
17   other issue is whether or not the Subsidiary  
18   qualifies as a corporation, as that term is  
19   used in the 1987 Indenture.

20                  As Baupost and Abrams pointed out  
21   in their papers, the term "corporation" is  
22   not defined in the indenture, and there is no  
23   evidence to indicate that the intent was to  
24   limit it to literally corporations, as  
25   opposed to LLCs. Just to note, Bankruptcy



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2       Code Section 1019 does define "corporation"  
3       to include LLCs. So it is not unreasonable  
4       to think that the undefined term  
5       "corporation" in the 1987 Indenture really  
6       meant things like corporations, LLCs, and  
7       similar business entities.

8                       As it currently stands today, the  
9       only Intercompany Claim that is objected to  
10      with respect to the 1987 Indenture is the  
11      claims held by Enron Finance VOF. As  
12      JPMorgan pointed out in their Objection,  
13      Enron Finance is an LLCs. So for purposes of  
14      the 1987 Indenture, Baupost/Abrams submits it  
15      qualifies.

16                   The key question for Enron Finance,  
17      however, is: did Enron have voting control  
18      of the entity at the relevant times? As  
19      JPMorgan points out and we concede, at the  
20      Petition Date not all of the stock for which  
21      voting power was attributed was in the hands  
22      of Enron. Zephyrus and the entities  
23      controlling Zephyrus had preferred interests  
24      in Enron Finance for which there was voting  
25      control.

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2                               However, as part of the  
3       Choctaw/Zephyrus settlement -- and this is  
4       unique to Zephyrus and not what occurred with  
5       Cherokee -- the membership interests held by  
6       Zephyrus in Enron Finance were redeemed by  
7       Enron and thereafter cancelled. So at the  
8       moment of that settlement, which occurred  
9       prior to the Effective Date of the Plan, all  
10      of the voting control in Enron Finance was  
11      held by Enron either directly or indirectly.

12                            So for purposes of the 1987  
13      Indenture, we believe that at the moment of  
14      the Effective Date, which we believe is what  
15      counts for purposes of distributions to  
16      holders of subordinated notes which are  
17      upstream to holders of Senior Indebtedness  
18      under the 1987 Indenture, Enron Finance  
19      counts as a Subsidiary.

20                            Assuming I am wrong -- which I  
21      don't believe I am, but assuming I am  
22      wrong -- one of the two claims held by Enron  
23      Finance is actually a claim assigned to Enron  
24      Finance by an entity known as ECIC. ECIC is  
25      clearly a corporation. I don't think there

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2 is any dispute about that. There is no  
3 evidence to indicate that its voting power  
4 was ever held by anyone other than Enron.  
5 Neither Enron Finance nor the assignees of  
6 claims that were once held by Enron Finance  
7 can have rights superior to those of ECIC for  
8 purposes of determining contractual  
9 subordination benefits.

10 So Baupost/Abrams submits that the  
11 Enron Finance claims listed on Schedule S  
12 with respect to the 1987 Indenture should be  
13 taken off.

14 Unless Your Honor has any  
15 questions, let me turn to the 1993 and 1994  
16 Loan Agreements. These two Loan Agreements  
17 have substantially the same definition of  
18 "Senior Indebtedness." This definition  
19 states that all indebtedness of Enron,  
20 whether outstanding on the date of the Loan  
21 Agreements or thereafter created, incurred,  
22 or assumed which is for money borrowed or  
23 evidenced by a note or similar instrument  
24 given in connection with the acquisition of  
25 any business, property, or assets that is

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2 counted for Senior Indebtedness.

3 Unlike either the 1987 Indenture or  
4 the TOPRS Indentures, the term "indebtedness"  
5 is not defined in any meaningful way.

6 Actually, let me step back. The term  
7 "indebtedness" is not defined as it was  
8 defined in the 1987 Indenture, and  
9 indebtedness is not defined in the TOPRS  
10 Indentures. Unlike the 1987 Indenture or the  
11 TOPRS Indentures, there are no express  
12 inclusions or exclusions. All we have is the  
13 words in front of us, "all indebtedness,"  
14 which is for money borrowed or evidenced by  
15 note.

16 It is Baupost/Abrams' position that  
17 the term "indebtedness," as used in these two  
18 Loan Agreements, is ambiguous, and that parol  
19 evidence is permissible to clarify the  
20 meaning of the term for purposes of showing  
21 that claims held by affiliates, which  
22 Baupost/Abrams calls "Intercompany Claims,"  
23 were never intended to be included in the  
24 universe of claims to benefit from  
25 contractual subordination.

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2                   There are two facts I would like to  
3 bring to the Court's attention, one of which  
4 I think is just within the loan documents  
5 themselves and the one that comes from  
6 outside the loan documents.

7                   The first is these two Loan  
8 Agreements were executed between Enron and  
9 its affiliate. There was no indenture that  
10 set forth the terms of who gets the benefit  
11 from contractual subordination. Unlike the  
12 1987 Indenture and unlike the TOPRS  
13 Indentures, this was a straight, inside loan  
14 transaction. So there is really no third  
15 parties kind of vetting what is meant by  
16 "Senior Indebtedness" for purposes of the two  
17 Loan Agreements.

18                  Then, as Your Honor would have seen  
19 in our initial opening papers, the  
20 prospectuses that went to accompany the MIPS  
21 transactions, for which the two Loan  
22 Agreements were integral to those two MIPS  
23 transactions, stated that the amount of  
24 Senior Indebtedness reported on a  
25 consolidated basis was a certain number -- it

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2 was, I think, \$3.2 billion -- as of 1993 or  
3 1994. The key fact of the prospectuses is  
4 that for purposes of determining Senior  
5 Indebtedness, at least in this extrinsic  
6 document, it was reported on a consolidated  
7 basis. So you would remove what would be  
8 true Intercompany Claims. I don't think  
9 there is any dispute here that the  
10 counterparties to the two Loan Agreements  
11 were affiliates of Enron. So we believe the  
12 parol evidence will show that there was no  
13 intent to include Intercompany Claims as the  
14 type of claim that would benefit from  
15 contractual subordination.

16 JUDGE GONZALEZ: What difference  
17 does that make? If you have the documents  
18 themselves indicating subordination, what  
19 difference does it make whether you think the  
20 perspective reflects an intention not to have  
21 Intercompany Claims considered Senior  
22 Indebtedness?

23 MR. WINSTON: Your Honor's point is  
24 well taken, assuming that the definition of  
25 Senior Indebtedness in those two Loan

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2 Agreements is unambiguous. As I opened this  
3 part of the presentation, the term  
4 "indebtedness" is not defined. It is a term  
5 that is defined in other indentures, so it is  
6 one that is subject to more than one meaning.  
7 In this particular case with this particular  
8 type of definition in these two Loan  
9 Agreements, it is Baupost/Abrams' position  
10 that there is no way to determine on the face  
11 of the documents that that term is  
12 unambiguous in including Intercompany Claims,  
13 and so you go to parol evidence.

14 Now, it is possible -- I doubt  
15 it -- but it is possible that the parties  
16 that are seeking to include their claims will  
17 be able to generate parol evidence to show  
18 there was an intention, but that is for a  
19 later day. But for purposes of what is  
20 before the Court now, if the Court determines  
21 that term is ambiguous, we go to the next  
22 step. If the Court determines it is  
23 unambiguous, then I guess I am done. But I  
24 think that term, certainly when you compare  
25 it to the other indentures, is one which is